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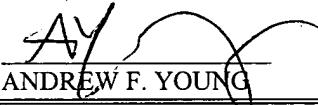
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Art Unit : 3714
Docket No. : TMIAS.P-9702 CON
Customer No. : **28752**

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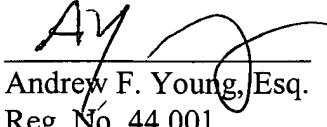
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith:

1. PTO/SB/30 – Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
2. Statement in support of submission
3. Information Disclosure Statement;
4. PTO-1449 Form (citing 2 references with translations);
5. Copy of references cited in PTO-1449; and
6. Confirmation Return Receipt Postcard.

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Enclosures: (as listed)



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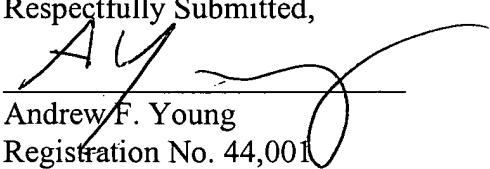
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION

Sir:

The above U.S. continuation patent application is due for issue and publication fee payment on March 27, 2006. However, Applicants herein respectfully solicit that the Notice of Allowance in the above patent application be withdrawn and that our enclosed Request for Continued Examination be accepted, with the predetermined fee, so that the enclosed Japanese references, also listed on the attached Form 1449, can be considered by the U.S. Patent Examiner in this RCE application and made of record therein by including same in the "References Cited" portion of any patent to issue from this RCE application.

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In re the U.S. Patent Application of Mirasaki et al

Examiner: J. Hotaling

Serial No.: 08/828,417

Art Unit: 3713

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Docket No.: TMIAS.P9702 CON

For: Speech Generating Device, Method in Game Device and Medium for Same

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

It is respectfully requested that the art listed on attached PTO-1449 be made of record in the above U.S. continuation patent application and be considered by the U.S. Patent Examiner in the above application and made of record therein by including same in the "References Cited" portion of any patent to issue from this application.

These documents are brought to the Examiner's attention they were noted in a Japanese Patent Office Action dated January 7, 2005. The enclosed documents are as follows.

1. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Patent Publication No. (1996) Hei 08-215433A (with Corresponding English Translation attached)
2. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (1994) Hei 06-091056A (with English translation attached).

No representation is made or intended that better art than that listed is not available, or that the order of information listed is significant, or that an independent search has been made by the applicant. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this information under 37 CFR 1.104.

U.S. Patent Application of Mirasaki et al.
Serial No.: 08/828,417 – Docket No. TMIAS.P-9702 CON

No fees are deemed necessary for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed before a first office action in this Application. However, if any fees are necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please contact us for immediate service.

The citation of this information does not, and is not intended to, constitute a waiver or admission of priority or that any cited item is available as a reference, alone or when combined, or a waiver of any right under applicable statutes, codes, rules, or otherwise. It is therefore believed that the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by such references.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 08-215433 A	1996	JAPAN			YES
	BB	Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 06-091056 A	1994	JAPAN			YES

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including author, title, date, pertinent pages, etc.)

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